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SUBJECT: AGEE VISIT: RESPONSE OF GOJ TO EMBASSY'S REQUESTS ON
SECURITY

REFERENCE: (A) STATE 246456 (B) KINGSTON 3988

1. CONTENT OF RATTRAY'S LETTER (REFTEL A) ESSENTIALLY
ACCURATE; SAME SEQUENCE OF EVENTS REPORTED IN REFTEL B.
HOWEVER, WE DO OFFER FOLLOWING COMMENT.

2. PERMSEC FRANCIS AND JAMAICAN SECURITY FORCES WERE INIALLY UNABLE
CONTACT AMBASSADOR GERARD EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 16 OWING
TELEPHONE FAILURE AT RESIDENCE. THERE WAS HOWEVER A CON-
VERSATION BETWEEN AMBASSADOR AND THE POLICE LATE THAT
EVENING AS REPORTED REFTEL B.

3. THE PRIME MINISTER'S INJUNCTION AGAINST MEDIA REPORTING
OF NAMES LISTED BY AGEE WAS, TO PUT IT MILDLY, INADEQUATELY
ENFORCED. EMBARGO DID HOLD UP FOR FIRST DAY OR SO BUT
BREACHED IN SPIRIT ALMOST IMMEDIATELY WITH STORY IN
DAILY NEWS WHICH DETAILED FUNCTIONS OF NAMED OFFICERS
TO POINT WHERE ANYONE WITH LITTLE EFFORT COULD IDENTIFY
THOSE NAMED. SAME NEWSPAPER SEVERAL DAYS LATER RAN A
STORY ACTUALLY NAMING SEVERAL OF THOSE ON LIST WHO
HAD DEPARTED AND THEIR REPLACEMENTS. FINALLY, AS
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ALREADY REPORTED, AT LEAST 50 - 60,000 PAMPHLETS WITH

NAMES, TELEPHONE NUMBERS, ETC. DISTRIBUTED ON SEPT.
11 BY COUNCIL ON HUMAN RIGHTS THROUGHOUT KINGSTON AND
OTHER PARTS OF JAMAICA. UNDER STATE OF EMERGENCY
REGULATIONS GOJ COULD HAVE EASILY PREVENTED THIS ACTION,
AND AFTER THE FACT LEGALLY PUNISHED THOSE RESPONSIBLE.
WE ARE NOT AWARE THAT ANY EFFORTS IN EITHER DIRECTION
TAKEN.

4. CONCERNING LAST PARAGRAPH RATTRAY'S LETTER, THE
ENTIRE AGEE AFFAIR, INCLUDING IN PARTICULAR THE LEAFLET
DISTRIBUTION, THREATENED THE SAFETY OF NOT ONLY EMBASSY
STAFF BUT ALSO MANY PRIVATE AMERICAN CITIZENS IN JAMAICA'S
VOLATILE ATMOSPHERE. MOREOVER, AS ALREADY REPORTED,
SOME STAFF HAVE RECEIVED TELEPHONE DEATH THREATS AND
BOMB THREATS. ADMITTEDLY THESE THREATS MAY THUS FAR FALL
INTO THE CATEGORY OF HARASSMENT, AND THE GENERAL
LEVEL OF HARASSMENT HAS BEEN SOMEWHAT LOWER THAN WE
EXPECTED. NONETHELESS, NO RATIONAL OBSERVER OF
THE JAMAICAN SCENE CAN ARGUE THAT AGEE'S ACTIONS AND ALLEGATIONS,
AIDED AND ABETTED BY ELEMENTS OF THE GOJ, POSE NO
THREAT TO SAFETY OF AMERICANS RESIDENT IN JAMAICA. IF
MATTER SHOULD BE DISCUSSED WITH RATTRAY, SUGGEST DEPARTMENT
REJECT "SAFETY" ASSESSMENT IN RATTRAY'S LETTER ALONG LINES SET
OUT ABOVE.
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